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1. The airfield south of the MINSK (27°34'E/53°54'N) freight station, between two railroad lines, was being expanded, and work was scheduled to be completed by 1950. The field had railroad connection and a 6,600-foot asphalt runway.
2. The hangar (200x135x35 feet) had been under construction since 1946. The hangar had been dismantled at the BERLIN-TEMPELHOF airfield.
3. Two four-story brick buildings, each 115x65x40 feet, were built in 1946/1947 and occupied by construction workers and air force soldiers. Two other brick buildings, each 265x135x65 feet, were occupied by pilots and other officers. Three storage sheds for aircraft accessories, garages, and repair shops were also available.
4. A radio station was in a four-story brick building, which had a rotating searchlight on its roof.
5. A fuel dump of 26 large tanks, camouflaged by trees, was completed by June 1948. Another 20 tanks were scheduled.
6. The field was occupied by twin-engine Douglas aircraft and biplanes. The airfield personnel included 300 to 350 officers and men. The field was guarded by air force soldiers and by civilians.
7. The E-W and N-S dimensions of the commercial airfield just east of the Minsk-Slutzk (27°33'E/55°1'N) road were 10,000 feet E-W and 3,300 feet N-S. The airfield was being

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leveled and a 6,600 to 10,000-foot asphalt runway was being built.

8. A steel hangar, allegedly dismantled in [REDACTED], was being erected. [REDACTED] two more of these hangars were scheduled to be erected in Leningrad and Moscow.

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9. The airport terminal was a three-story brick building, about 265x85x65 feet with a dome-shaped flight control station on top. It also contained offices, dormitories and a restaurant.

10. a. The following aircraft were stationed at the field:

About 20 twin-engine Douglas aircraft
 35 to 40 biplanes
 5 or 6 fighters.

- b. [REDACTED] the Douglas planes were equipped with two Soviet, 12-cylinder, crude oil engines.

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